

## St. Johnsbury Caledonian.

St. Johnsbury, Vt., Friday, June 9, 1876.

### Religious Reading.

Whatsoever he saith unto you do it.

**John 2: 5.**

Quickly. John 14: 28, 29.

Atteatively. Job 37: 2.

Carefully. Deut. 15: 5.

Willingly. Ex. 25: 2.

Fervently. Col. 4: 12.

Earnestly. Jude 3.

Gladly. Acts 2: 41.

Joyfully. Luke 19: 6.

Diligently. Ezra 7: 23.

Heartily. Col. 3: 23.

Continually. Hosea 12: 6.

Courageously. 2 Chron. 19: 14.

Zealously. Gal. 4: 18.

Faithfully. Jer. 25: 28. 2 Ch. 34:

12, and 19: 9.

"Dividends."

Eastern capitals are investing in western lands and other securities. All such look for dividends. Fifty dollars came from a church in Vermont to aid a little church on the frontier in sheathing its log house of worship, without which it could not have been used at all now. On the back of divided and mingled was "printed in the hearts" and eleven others were added to that little church. These twelve sums for fifty dollars are the dividends declared of that Vermont church.

**Jabez.**

Who was he? Turn to the fourth chapter of First Chronicles. A day less than names, in one of the dry places so often skip. Yet even here there is instruction in righteously. There are a few little comments on Jabez; if you will have it so, just a little oasis in the desert. "Jabez was more honorable than his brethren;" "Jabez called on the God of Israel;" "And God granted him that which he requested."

Just so among us to-day: a little oasis now and then in the level desert of our existence, in the hounds of business, in the common-place social life. What makes it so? Prayer! Now and then a merchant "more honorable" than the rest, who follow the common worldly business maxims; now and then statesmen "more honorable" than his peers; and now and then a Christian of eminent parts, and literature, whose "praise is in all the churches." Why this chronicle, shining out above the common events of to-day? Prayer! There is only one way of getting honor and blessings, and keeping them when they are gotten, and enjoying them when they are gotten; that way is prayer. Business men, don't leave the house without prayer. Workmen, sharpen your spiritual weapons before you sharpen your tools. Farmers, pray to be made fitowers of Christ, before you begin to follow the plow. Then the distinction and the happiness of Jabez will be yours. If a man is in honor, and safe in honor, also may expect to find also that he prays; the two facts are warp and woof of the same cloth.

Daniel "stood before kings," and Daniel prayed three times a day. Elijah was mightier than Ahab, and went up to face the King of kings, in one of his royal chariots of fire; and Elijah was a man of like passions with us, who prayed. The Mussulman who falls down in prayer at the sound of the noon bell in the minaret, may teach Christians. If the hurry of the street, the bustle of the house, should give place at times to spiritual prostration, then will he give thanks to God for men of even greater hours and earthly blessings than those for which the poor struggling. Not only, not first, in the assembly, but in the closet, "let us pray."

**The Sunday Question.**

The mass meeting at Philadelphia last week, at either the meetings, for the "conference," filled a large church, and overflowed again and filled the street in support of the Sunday closing of the Centennial is only one indication of the popular sentiment on this subject. The best of the secular papers sustain the Commission. The Methodists, the Presbyterians and the Baptists all chance to be in council at this time, and they have all passed unanimous and enthusiastically, resolution in support of the action of the Commission. Theophilus Pendleton has been interviewed and with but very few exceptions are entirely agreed in demanding this day of rest for themselves. The Commissioners are in receipt of numerous private letters commanding the stand that they have taken. The discussion, in the subjection of the Commission to them, on the other hand, very little movement has been developed in favor of a Sunday opening. The appeal to workmen has met with no response. The pressure in favor of a Sunday opening has been purely local, and even in Philadelphia very few influential men are among its adherents. The prominent clergymen who were promised have not come to its support. It now appears probable that the only durable effect of the discussion will be to demonstrate that Sunday has a warmer place in the affection of the American people than even the ministers and the religious press have heretofore supposed. *Christian Union.*

**HALTER-BREAKING, THE COIL.** We take the coil when three weeks old, and put a hair-halter of soft material that will not cut into his tender skin, and so made that the cheek-pieces will not draw into his eyes when he pulls back or strengthens; and when this is done quietly and gently, with pleasant words and kind caresses, we step out in front of him, and planting ourselves squarely so that he shall not with all his efforts draw us from our tracks pull steadily on the halter, saying all the time, while the horse is being led, "Come on, increase! Come, sir, come!" Some times the coil will come, yielding readily to the pressure; in which case pat him kindly, so as to make him feel that he has done the right thing; and then step forward, and repeat the slight press and the kind command. In many cases we have found that enough; the coil was "halter-broke" before you knew it, one might say. But more often as soon as the little fellow feels the pressure of the pull upon the halter, he would hold back, resisting with his strength. When this is the case, stand firm; simply hold him, and draw him, so as to "rank" him about, a drawing forward violently. Let him pull, for once it is exhausting his strength, and increasing the pain he feels by reason of the halter bands being drawn into him; and, after a few seconds of resistance, disengaged, and unable to endure the pain his own effort is causing him, he will give one great wrench, run up, and plunge toward you. The pressure and the pain are remitted; and standing by your side, your arm over his shoulder-neck, and gently patting him on the head, this sweet lesson—that necessity to him that is leading him means absence of pain—will be understood in the coil. He is thoroughly halter-broke. With this, he has got another idea, that you are strong than he. Had you tied him to a post and let him "pull it out," as the phrase is, he would have got no such idea; the post or tree, not man, would have been his master. Or, had you waited until he was a year, or even six months old, he would have been stronger than you, and would have found it out, too. In his first match against man, man would have been beaten. *Mr. Murray's Golden Rule.*

**Agricultural.**

AS TO PASTURES. Formerly that was not called a good pasture that would not support a cow to every two acres; now it takes about eight acres of our average pasture land to do this. The idea most of our farmers have of their pastures is that it is land not good for any thing else. In Holland the pasture receives as good or better treatment than the field, from which the farmer harvests his hay crop, and on an acre and a half of pasture will there carry a large cow and calf. The pasture lands in New England were, until the richest in the country, but many of these are situated on hill-sides, and their fertility has been washed into the brooks and ravines. And then they have for

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